

TRIBUTE TO TOMMY LASORDA

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Tommy Lasorda. In an emotional address for fans and players alike, Lasorda announced last Monday that he will step down as manager of the beloved Dodgers.

Born in 1927 to Italian immigrants in Norristown, PA, Lasorda's ethnicity is something he has celebrated and cherished. He is an individual who has brought an unmatched level of enthusiasm to the great game of baseball. A man of 1,613 wins, he became the most active manager in baseball—and 12th all-time. In 20 seasons, he led the Dodgers to two World Series championships, four National League pennants and seven division titles. He is one of only four major league managers ever to spend more than 20 years or more with one team. Mr. Speaker, there is so much more at which we could marvel.

Lasorda is the heart and soul of not only the Dodgers, but for all of baseball. He is a man of more funny lines than anyone associated with the game. His personality will be missed. His energy level during a game was unequaled. His enthusiasm and love for the game of baseball is contagious.

His strength to overcome criticism made him one of baseball's greatest engineers. He brought the biggest post-season upsets. Just like many of us here in Congress, he had a love-hate relationship with the media; like most of us, he loved all people.

Lasorda has met the expectations of the people of Los Angeles in an unflinching manner. Off the field, Lasorda gives hundreds of speeches a year to charities, including his annual visit to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's children's organization called 65 Roses.

A man of integrity who brought happiness to millions. A man who brought the game of baseball in a colorful way to the city of Los Angeles. It was the spirit of Tommy Lasorda that drew more than 3 million fans a year to the Dodgers, a record set 10 times.

Today, you cannot mention the Dodgers, without thinking about Tommy Lasorda. As a long time Dodgers fan, I feel honored today to recognize Tommy Lasorda's great contribution not only to the Dodger organization and the city of Los Angeles but to the game of baseball, the Nation, and the world. From the Dodger fans on Guam, we revere and honor Tommy.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Tommy Lasorda's efforts and well-deserved achievements. Mr. Speaker, today there is no doubt that his great feat will be long remembered and that future players and fans will be inspired by him.

TEENS WHO CARE SALUTED

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize all the participants and

supporters of Teens Who Care, a wonderful program which brings together high school students from throughout Contra Costa County, CA, who volunteer their time and energy to refurbish the homes of seniors and the disabled. While providing a tremendous community service to people whose homes would otherwise fall into disrepair, Teens Who Care also goes a long way toward debunking the myths about today's youth. The students are giving free to those in their community less fortunate than themselves, and they are exhibiting the characteristics of citizenship and compassion which I would hope we all want to see as our generation gives way to the next. I want to pay special tribute to Mary Perez who is the founder and inspiration behind Teens Who Care. Teens Who Care is a very special project, and I know my colleagues join me in saluting the following student participants and supporters who make it possible.

STUDENTS OF "TEENS WHO CARE" 1996

Erin Abney, Leonor Aguilar, Lindsay Carlson, Serena Chew, Ames Cruz, Mike Dias, Andy Dussel, Monica Garrotto, Sonya Harrison, Jason Heltsley, Melisa Henderson, Lacey Hyat, Samantha Kim, Kathy Kreuger, Steve Lamb, Dennis Lenart, and Michael Light.

Also, Bill Lindenmuth, Kathy Malloy, Jamal Marr, Andrea Martini, Olivia Martini, Lee Menken, Melanie Michaud, Sarah Mowdy, Alis Perez, Poncho Perez, Mathew Perona, Marcia Raines, Jocasta Ruano, Ken Stoll, Bill Walsh, Phil Woods, and Micah Zuorski.

VOLUNTEERS OF "TEENS WHO CARE"

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Arena, Barbara Bacon, Doug Boyd, Ruth Derose, Jeff Haydon, Pete Jurichko, Margaret Leshner, Bonnie MacBride, Mike Menesini, Stella Moore, Tom Norton, Vivian Norton, Marcia Raines, Tom Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stockdale, Brian Weiman, and Joann Zehrung.

CONTRIBUTORS OF "TEENS WHO CARE"

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TRIBUTE TO GEORGE "SKEET" RICHARDSON

HON. PETE GEREN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 1996

Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of George "Skeet" Richardson, a great American who was a champion of the common man.

Skeet left high school before graduating to serve with the Army Air Corps during World War II, but returned to obtain his diploma and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Skeet Richardson served in the State legislature for 8 years, as a Tarrant County commissioner for 6 years, and as mayor of the city of Keller for 2 years. He advanced legislation for workers, civil servants, and the elderly. Skeet also helped make the University of Texas at Arlington a 4-year institution. However, the accomplishment that Skeet was most proud of was Bear Creek Park in Keller. He saw it as his lasting legacy, something that all people could enjoy.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, join me in celebrating the life of an American and a Texan who worked for the people and was known for his independent thinking rather than advancing special interests. We all have something to learn from this great man.

THE 50/50 WELLNESS PLAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor of the 50/50 enrollment composition rule waiver for the Wellness Plan. I am well aware that the Health Care Financing Administration strongly supports congressional approval of this waiver at this time, given the now certainty that comprehensive legislation to address the 50/50 rule will not materialize in this Congress. The Wellness Plan is firmly positioned to become a full Medicare risk contractor in the Detroit area and beyond once this waiver is achieved. It is the prototype for the type of HMO into which HCFA hopes Medicare beneficiaries will enroll. I urge the leadership to work in a bipartisan fashion to ensure its enactment in this Congress.

UNITED STATES-NORTHERN IRELAND FREE TRADE ZONE

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 1996

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce legislation that will begin the process of establishing a free trade zone relationship between the United States, Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Irish Republic.

Mr. Speaker, on June 10, 1996, representatives from the political parties in Northern Ireland came together to attempt to change the political landscape of Northern Ireland forever. Past acrimony, grievances, and strife are the subject of the all-party talks. Those participating in the talks have received a clear and powerful charge from the voters of Northern Ireland. That charge is nothing less than to fashion a new, progressive, peaceful, and equitable society for all the citizens of Northern Ireland regardless of their political or religious persuasion. The mandate they have and the responsibility they bear is to secure the peace and common good.

While the representatives to the talks labor to overcome their own burdens of history and to reach into the future, the legislation I am introducing will operate to guarantee the economic future and prosperity for all the citizens of Northern Ireland and the border counties.